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1. FRG AUTHORITIES PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR VISIT BY
TRAIN DELEGATION HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PLANS
CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. F.Y.I. PRELIMINARY IDEAS INCLUDE TRAVEL BY
AUTOMOBILE FROM FRANKFURT TO BONN ON MAY 9. SIGNING
CEREMONY WOULD BE SCHEDULED IN LATE AFTERNOON. PROGRAM
FOR MORNING OF MAY 10 COULD INCLUDE HELICOPTER FLIGHT
OVER RECLAMATION AREAS ASSOCIATED WITH LIGNITE OPEN
PIT MINING AND TO RIVER PURIFICATION FACILITY.

3. FRG AGREES THERE IS NO NEED FOR TECHNICAL TALKS.
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MINISTER GENSCHER AND MR. TRAIN
CAN COVER GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY QUESTIONS. FRG
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OFFICIALS WILL PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC

PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME FOR ADDITIONAL AREAS OF COOPERATION UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT.

4. FRG HOPES THAT TRAIN VISIT SCHEDULE WILL ALSO PERMIT DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER EHMKE. INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IT MAY BE VERY DIFFICULT TO WORK THIS INTO TIGHT SCHEDULE, PARTICULARLY IF HELICOPTER VISIT TO ENVIRONMENTAL RECLAMATION AREAS CAN BE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: RECLAMATION OF LIGNITE OPEN PIT MINING AREA IS VERY IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM. MINISTER EHMKE'S RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE ONLY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY AREAS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN INDICATION OF PRIORITIES MR. TRAIN WOULD WISH TO ASSIGN TO THIS POSSIBLE PROGRAM ALTERNATIVE TO HELP US GUIDE FRG PLANNING.
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